

ANGLICAN-LUTHERAN INTERCOMMUNION APPROVED

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Earlier this month the Church of England approved an intercommunion agreement between Anglicans and Lutherans in Scandinavia and the Baltics. The agreement is called the Porvoo Declaration, from the name of the Finnish city where it was finalized in 1992. It calls for sharing communion churches and full interchangeability of priests and ministers between the Anglican churches of Britain and Ireland and the Lutheran churches of Scandinavia and the Baltic countries.

According to the Religious News Service, Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey called the agreement "a historic step toward the unity of Christ's one holy, catholic, and apostolic church for which we long."